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Docket No.: 20731 US (C38435/120940)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Akira ASAKURA, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/938,035

Filed: August 23, 2001

For: **MICROBIAL PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING L-ASCORBIC ACID, D-  
ERYTHORBIC ACID, AND SALTS  
THEREOF**

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Applicants wish to make of record the following documents (clean copies and  
Form PTO-1449 are enclosed).

**OTHER DOCUMENTS**

- C2 Hiraishi, *et al.*, "Phylogenetic characterization of a new thermoacidophilic bacterium isolated from hot springs in Japan," J. Gen. Appl. Microbiol., Vol. 43, pp. 295-304 (1997)
- C3 Wisotzkey, *et al.*, "Comparative Sequence Analyses on the 16S rRNA (rDNA) of *Bacillus acidocaldarius*, *Bacillus acidoterrestris*, and *Bacillus cycloheptanicus* and Proposal for Creation of a New Genus, *Alicyclobacillus* gen. nov.," International Journal of Systematic Bacteriology, Vol. 42, No. 2, pp. 263-269 (1992)

These documents were cited in a Search Report dated December 12, 2001 (copy enclosed) which issued in a foreign counterpart application. Copies of the additional documents

cited in the Search Report are not being submitted herewith since each was already submitted with the November 21, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement.


Applicants request that these documents be considered by the Examiner before issuance of the next action and made of record in this file. The Examiner is also asked to initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form to evidence such consideration.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with the following provisions:

- [x] 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3) To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No fee is required.

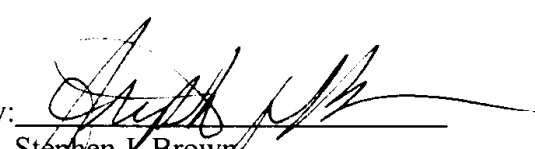
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